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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation
WT Docket No. 03-103; “Air-Ground Telecommunications Services”**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 27, 2004, Bill Pallone, President of Verizon Airfone, Karen Zacharia, Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Verizon, Mike Senkowski of Wiley Rein & Fielding, counsel to Verizon Airfone, and the undersigned met with Sheryl Wilkerson, legal advisor to Chairman Powell, and Bethany Smocer, also in the Chairman’s office, to discuss the Commission’s pending rulemaking on the Air-to-Ground service.

Verizon Airfone stressed the importance of implementing a licensing regime that would facilitate the provision of a Broadband Air-to-Ground (“ATG”) service at 800 MHz, and noted that the band sharing techniques proposed by AirCell and Boeing would not support the provision of such a service. We stressed the importance of the Commission issuing a decision in this proceeding as soon as possible to ensure that the increasing demands for broadband ATG services can be met.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission’s Rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donald C. Brittingham
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cc: Sheryl Wilkerson